**Principal**

Dear Families

From 6-12 March, our school will join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate the annual **Catholic Schools Week** (CSW).

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school. This year’s theme is:

‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’

The 2016 Catholic Schools Week theme ties with the Church’s celebration of the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love.

Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

To mark this celebration of our schools, **St Kieran’s** will hold an Open Day for prospective 2017 enrolments on 15 March.

The following week, on March 21 we will be opening our classrooms for current parents to view teaching and learning during the **Literacy Block**. The details for this:

- Time: 9.00 am -9.30
- Date: Monday 21 March

We value the mental health and wellbeing of our students and so, next week is our FALLOW WEEK. The students won’t be bringing home any homework for that week. This is a wonderful time for families to slow the pace down for a week and enjoy some “family time” without some of the usual “busyness”!

Some suggestions for Fallow Week:

- Take the family to a park for the afternoon.
- Play a board game as a family.
- Go for a walk/bike ride.
- Have a movie afternoon or night.
- Play a game of soccer/cricket or football as a family.

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal

Religious Education Coordinator

Responding to the spiritual and emotional needs of others is a form of mercy.
Nurturing Forgiveness in your family is a work of mercy which has long lasting repercussions and a large ripple effect.

Here are some ideas to use with your family.
- having a family practice of saying sorry and reconciling with each other before the day’s end
- praying for those who have wronged you and praying for the courage to forgive
- asking forgiveness from others
- letting go of grudges; going out of your way to be positive with someone you are having a difficult time with
- understanding the importance of and participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Religious Education

Students and teachers have now moved onto their Lent to Easter modules of Learning. Whilst each grade learns about the events Holy Week and Easter, each grade will also focus on a particular aspect of the story in greater depth. During our Holy Week Liturgy each grade will focus on their specific part of the Holy Week Story.

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Dates for your Diary

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Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Awards

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**Sibling Enrolments 2017**

Enrolments are now open and application forms are available online or from the school office. If you have a sibling starting at St Kieran’s in 2017 we ask that you complete and enrolment form and return to the office as soon as possible. We ask that all enrolments are in by the end of May.

Should you wish to speak to your child’s teacher please make sure you either send an email to Administration requesting an appointment or call the school to make an appointment. Teachers have a duty of care to their students when they are in their classrooms teaching and when moving into and out of classrooms, or on playground duty. These times are not appropriate for discussion regarding your child’s progress.

**School Fees**

It is important that fees are paid on the due scheduled date. If you are paying in 3 standard instalments the first instalment was due last Friday 26 March. Please contact the office if you wish to discuss your fees.

**Book Club**

Orders for the current issue of Book Club are due back by the morning of Friday 11 March. No late orders will be accepted.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge opens next Monday 7 March and already students are enthusiastically reading their books.

All information regarding the challenge can be found on the PRC website, [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) Students will be given their user names and passwords if they wish to participate. If your child has participated before, their user name and password remains the same. While waiting for this, students should keep a list of their books read.

In library this year, the students in K-2 have listened to the following stories which can be added to their PRC list:

- Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
- Dewey, there’s a cat in the library by Vicki Myron

What a great start for K-2 students!

We are also very excited to be participating in the Book Bonus again this year. Students can seek sponsorship from family and friends for the books they read in the PRC. It’s a great way to get new books for the school but it also provides books for students at schools less fortunate than us.

Information can be found at [www.bookbonus.org.au](http://www.bookbonus.org.au)

See also the flyer in the newsletter.

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**Peninsula Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all students who represented St Kieran’s at the Peninsula Swimming carnival yesterday. We had a VERY successful day, with St Kieran's receiving 1st place overall, well earnt by all swimmers!

Also a special mention to the following students, who have been selected to represent Peninsula at the Broken Bay Swimming Carnival. This carnival will be held next Tuesday evening 8 March in Tumbi Umbi.

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We wish them all the best in their races and congratulate them on making it this far!
Also we would like to thank Ethan S, one of our Sports Captains, for helping out the teachers with marshalling yesterday!

Parent Community  

Drinks Under The Stars

Thanks to all 135 of you who attended our first P&F function for 2016! It was a beautiful summer night with the eye-catching decorations and lighting creating a fantastic atmosphere. The night wouldn’t have been the success it was, if it wasn’t for the food catered by Jason Hook and his team (‘Crafty Cook’ [http://www.craftycocok.com.au]) which was absolutely delicious and plentiful, enjoyment of the ‘bibliothèque’ sparkling & wines; and beers provided through Bayfields at Dee Why. Thanks also to Party Time Hire (Hartley family Yrs 5 & 2); Wind Surf & Snow (Parker family (1R & Kindy) for the prizes; the Gennusa family (Yrs 6 & 4) for the skin products and to So Sensational Cakes (Saady Family: Yr 3 & Kinder) for the ‘SK Champagne Cake’ and prizes.

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners, Michael and Nicole Keating, Sam Parker, Jocelyn Schoene, Beata Kromrich and Andrew Noble. Thank you for the volunteers who helped organise, setup, clean up and serve drinks and food for the event.

The P&F will unveil the calendar of events at the next P&F meeting, Monday 14 March and look forward to sharing these exciting events with you. As I mentioned on the night the P&F team is looking to continue to make a difference in 2016/2017 and we look forward to your participation, including the completion of our survey [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StKP-Fsurvey] which closes on Monday, 7 March.

Cameron Matthews, (President)

Uniform Shop

- Opening hours: every second Thursday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open Thursday 10 March and then every 2nd Thursday after (24 March etc).
- Orders will be filled alternate Thursdays. Order forms available at reception or on the website.
- Stock held at office: ties (girls & boys), hats, excursion bags, & scarves. Please have the correct money as only small change is held.
- EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available at the Uniform Shop.
- If you have any uniform queries please email: lizsnell72@gmail.com

Canteen

EASTER CANTEEN SPECIAL: Baker’s Delight Fruit Hot Cross Buns will be available from now through to Easter, while stocks last each week, at a cost of $0.80 each.

Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 6):

Wednesday 9 March: Cath Hamer (M), Kylie McClafferty (M), Melissa Noble (A), Jane Rich (A)

Thursday 10 March: Gayle Connor, Jo Allen

Friday 11 March: Susan Nicols, Deb Barton, Joanna Miller

- Full day Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 1.50pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 11.15am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).


Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135

Free Friday Fitness –Walking Group

The Friday morning walking group has been a great success. We have found new friends and new muscles! *We have one week left, so come along on Friday 11 March if you want to join in, whether you are fit or not. The group departs when the Friday morning bell goes at 8:45am and returns 9:30am. Meet outside the canteen – it’s not too late to join.*

Martha Lourey-Bird (Yr 4)
• **Marist College North Shore Expo Day** Saturday 5 March 2016, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Come and visit our staff and students and learn about Marist College North Shore’s integrated and comprehensive curriculum program that, for every student, promotes faith, encourages excellence, engenders responsibility and develops respect and dignity. Currently accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2018. For an application: [www.maristcollege.com](http://www.maristcollege.com) or contact the Registrar on 9957 5000, E: northshore@maristcollege.com. Applications close 24 March 2016. 270 Miller St, North Sydney NSW 2060

• **St Augustine’s College Brookvale** - Celebrating 60 years of teaching boys in Years 5 to 12. the Augustinian values of Truth, Love and Community. **Open Day** Friday 11 March 4:30pm TO 7:00pm. Meet our College students and staff and celebrate our rich Augustinian history. Tour our brand new $12m multi-tiered facilities. Currently interviewing for Years 5 & 7, 2018. Enrol by April 1, 2016. [www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au](http://www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au) | 9938 8223 | registrar@saintaug.nsw.edu.au | Federal Parade Brookvale NSW 2100 |

• **Mercy Catholic College Open Day** – Sunday 6 March 11am to 2pm. Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning. HSC top 100 schools in NSW ranked 70 in 2015. For further information, contact College office: Mercy Catholic College 101 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW. Phone: 02 9419 2890 | [www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au)

• **Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood Open Day** – Sunday 13 March, 2016 11.00am - 2.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to all prospective families to join us for Open Day. We are now enrolling students currently in Year 5. Please visit the College website [www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au](http://www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au) or contact our Enrolment Registrar for a prospectus. Application for Enrolment or to register for a tour. Applications for Year 7, 2018 close on April 6, 2016.

• **Allambie Netball**: We still have a few spots left for Junior netball players turning 8 and turning 10 in 2016. Please ask your friends. Please register online now at [https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=44828](https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=44828) Registrar: Nicky Pretti 0403 902 666

• **From NSW Health**: **Live Life Well @ School** – A joint initiative between NSW Health & Department of Education and Communities
Premier's Reading Challenge
Tips for parents and carers for participating in the Challenge

- Find out the name(s) of your school’s Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinator(s) and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- Familiarise yourself with the PRC website. Logon is not required to view the Booklists or read the Rules.
- Visit the new Premier’s Reading Challenge Support website. It allows you to search for information about the PRC and also contact the PRC team.
- Set reminders for Challenge opening and closing dates in your and your child’s calendar.
- Find out your child’s logon details. For public schools, students’ logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/characters/information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to add books to her/his Student Reading Record regularly. Log on and go to: Student Reading Records > enter books by ID or Title or Author. To enter a Personal Choice book, select the ‘Add a Choice Book’ tab > enter part of the title or author > select ‘Search’. If your book appears as an option, select ‘Add’. If it does not appear, scroll down to the ‘Still can’t find a book?’ section > enter the full title and author > select ‘Add’.
- Check your child’s Challenge history – log on to the website, go to Student Reading Records and select tab ‘My Information’. If Challenge participation at a previous school is not listed, contact your child’s PRC coordinator.
- Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if:
  - Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
  - You are concerned that your child’s name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
- Your child’s online Student Reading Record (SRR) must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date. School PRC coordinators have an extra week to validate the SRR. Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child’s SRR. Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child’s SRR has not been validated.
BOOK BONUS 2016 – REGISTER NOW!
If you have a child participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PPRC) this year, sign them up for Book Bonus 2016! As students devour books during the months of the PPRC, they can seek sponsorship from family and friends for every book they read. Through reading books they love, kids can help raise money for new books for their school and help Dymocks Children's Charities put books into the hands of other students who need them! Last year, and PPRC readers raised thousands of dollars' worth of books for schools around NSW! Registrations for Book Bonus open 22nd February and the PPRC kicks off 6th March. You can register at www.bookbonus.org.au/

Get into the GOOD BOOKS BOOK BONUS

say cheese

School Photo Day is
Friday 1 April 2016

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please endorse correct money as no change is given on photo day. NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.
Join us for the **AGM**

**Wednesday 30 March at 7.30pm**
in the School Library

**Light Supper Provided**

- Hear about the wonderful things your children do at ASC
- **JUST ASC**
  - Before and After School Care
- Support the Educators, Committee and the service that supports you!
- Meet the wonderful Educators
- Have a say in the activities at Just-ASC
PARISH OF NORTH HARBOUR are holding a Chocolate Gingerbread house Decorating event. Come to assemble and decorate it at a fun filled night at St Kieran’s Parish Hall or buy a kit to take home and decorate over the Easter break. Product is from the company, Gingerbread Folk!!

A gingerbread house with a difference! Build and decorate your very own CHOCOLATE gingerbread house.

Option 1 Take home Kits: A great family activity and alternative to the traditional Easter egg hunt! Included in the take home kit are 6 prebaked chocolate gingerbread house parts, chimney, foil baseboard, royal-icing mix, piping bag and instructions. Their products are all natural and completely egg-free! Your assembled house will be approximately 15 x 12 x 16cm tall.

Option 2 Night time event: Come to the Parish Hall at St Kieran’s Manly Vale and collect your unpackaged kit with ready made icing and lollies grab a seat and start building and decorating. The house will be wrapped in cellophane at the end for you to enjoy over the Easter break.

Why not organize a table with friends, Children are welcome, but must be supervised while building their house.

WHEN: Wednesday 23rd March 2016   WHERE: St Kieran’s Parish Hall, King Street, Manly Vale  2093   TIME: 7pm.

To order your house log into http://www.trybooking.com/KJYM and book your kits, you are able to pay online. Home kits can be picked up from the Parish Centre after the event Call KIERA HULME ON 0412139072 OR email on kierah@bigpond.com for any queries Cost of all kits - $35.00 each  ($40.00+ retail)

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO PILGRIMS ATTENDING WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 KRAKOW